Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The people of South Dakota, USA, derive a large share of their cultural heritage from the people of the Federal Republic of Germany; and,

WHEREAS, The cities of Ratingen, in the Federal Republic of Germany, and Vermillion, South Dakota, in the United States, have enjoyed a warm, special relationship since student exchanges began in 1970; and,

WHEREAS, Ratingen and Vermillion are official Sister Cities; and,

WHEREAS, The people of South Dakota desire to further strengthen this German-American friendship and to promote mutual understanding through continued exchange visits; and,

WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota will be highly honored by the citizens of Ratingen when they formally dedicate the "South Dakota Bridge" in their city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 22, 1987, as

RATINGEN DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE